राजस्थान में कोयला खानों के कर्मकारों को कानूनी सुरक्षा

4647. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में कोयला खानों में कितने कर्मकार कार्यरत हैं ;

(ख) इन कर्मकारों के हितों का ध्यान रखने वाले विभागों का नाम सहित ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कोयला खानों के मात्र दस प्रतिशत कर्मकारों का ही सर्वेक्षण किया गया है और शेष नब्बे प्रतिशत के लिए कोई कानूनी सुरक्षा नहीं है, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) कितने कर्मकारों को न्यूनतम वेतन मिल रहा है और कितने कर्मकारों को बोनस और अन्य लाभ प्राप्त हो रहे हैं ; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार राजस्थान में कोयला खानों में काम करने वाले कर्मकारों का विस्तृत सर्वेक्षण कराएगी और उनके लिए सभी कानूनी अधिकार मुहैया कराएगी, यदि हां, तो यह कब तक कर लिए जाने की आशा है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नायमगौडा) : (क) से (ग) राजस्थान में कोई कोयला खान विद्यमान नहीं है । अप्रैल, 91 में भारत सरकार द्वारा एक लिग्नाइट खान (1·7 मि०ट० प्रति वर्ष क्षमता) और एक संयोजित तापीय विद्युत गृह (2X120 मेगावाट क्षमता) को राजस्थान के बीकानेर जिले के बारसिंगसर में स्वीकृति दी गई । यह कार्य अभी परियोजना के चरण में है ।

(घ) बारसिंगसर की लिग्नाइट खान में कार्यरत मजदूर कामगारों की संख्या 40 है । उनकी मजदूरी निर्धारित न्यूनतम मजदूरी से अधिक हैं । उन्हें नेयवेली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन के नियमों के अनुसार बोनस व अन्य लाभ भी दिये जाते हैं । लिग्नाइट खान में कार्यरत उपर्युक्त 40 कामगारों के अलावा आफिस, गैस्ट हाउस, आदि में 36 कर्मचारी गैर-अधिकारी संवर्ग में कार्यरत हैं ।

(ङ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

High level Committee far power stations

4648. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state;

(a) what is the composition of High Level Committee constituted for re viewing coal supply to various ther mal power stations;

(b) what is the latest report sub mitted by the High Level Committee in respect of thermal power stations particularly of Raichur Power station;

(c) whether it is a fact that Raichur Thermal Power Station has to close down two of its three units due to shortage of coal; and

(d) whether Government have issued any instruction to the State Government/State Electricity Board to improve the shortage of coal at the Raichur Thermal Power Station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) Supply of coal to Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) in Western and Southern Regions have been posing some problems due to low coal production in Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. Therefore, a Special Group was constituted to review and update the recommendations made earlier by the Task Force headed by Secretary, Department of Power with regard to demand and supply of coal for thermal power stations (TPSs) in Southern and Western region. The composition of the Group was as follows: —

1. Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Coal-^CHAIRMAN
2. Adviser (Traffic) Ministry of Railways.
3. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal.
4. Adviser (Energy) Planning Commission.
5. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Power.
6. Member (Operation), Central Electricity Authority.
7. Director (Operation) National Thermal Power Corporation.
8. Adviser (Projects) Ministry of Coal—MEMBER SECRETARY.
9. Chief General Manager (Coordn.) CIL Calcutta.
10. General Manager, CIL New Delhi.
11. Chief of Marketing, SCCL, Hyderabad.

The Group has since finalised the coal supply plan for ten TPSs in Western and Southern Regions and the same is under implementation.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that some units of Raichur TPS remained idle 'for want of coal. Coal supplies to Raichur TPS have been lately affected due to non-payment of coal dues to the coal companies. State Governments and Electricity Boards have been advised to ensure timely payments to coal companies to avoid dislocations in coal supplies.

Poor quality of Coal supplied to Thermal Power Stations in U.P.

4649. SHRI SOM PAL;

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH;

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from U.P.S.E.B. that poor quality coal has been and is being supplied by Coal India LTml. ted to the U.P.S.E.B, for its Thermal Power Stations which is resulting in loss of power generation and also . damages to plants 'equipments";

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) what steps ere being taken to ensure that only requisite grade of, coal is supplied in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA); (a) to (c) Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board power plants have been receiving coal traditionally from Northern Coalfields Ltd., Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., and Central Coalfields Ltd. Coal supplied from these Coalfields is billed as per declared grades. There are sometimes complaints, of grade slippages due to presence of extraneous material in coal, or o>f supply of unsized coal.

Coal companies are taking following steps to minimise the content of stones, shales etc. in coal sent to consumers:

(i) Segregation of stones at the time of loading coal_

(ii) In coal Handling Plants, slow moving picking belts are provided for picking up of shale and stone pieces.

(iii) Maintenance of sufficient stock at the siding so that picking can be ensured before loading.

(iv) Ensuring better supervision to maintain quality control, and developing quality consciousness among workers, supervisors and executives engaged at Railway sidings.

Coal supplies to NTPC power station

4650. SHRU SOM PAL:

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH;

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to> state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the matter of coal supplies NTPC power